GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5747
ANSWERED ON:30.08.2001
SKY-BUS METRO SYSTEM
ANANTRAO GUDHE

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Konkan Railway Corporation has envisaged an ambitions sky-bus metro project to ease traffic congestion with speedier public transport facility;

(b) if so, the details of the projects formulated along with main features technology developed;

(c) the reaction of the Government to the proposal;

(d) whether World Bank finance is likely to be available to undertake the project; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL)

(a) to (e): A statement is attached.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.5747 BY SHRI ANANT GUDHE TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 30.08.2001 REGARDING SKY-BUS METRO SYSTEM

(a)&(b): The Konkan Railway Corporation has suggested that the Sky-Bus Metro System could be one of the possible solutions to the Urban Transport problems faced by some major cities.

The elevated system envisages almost no land acquisition; does not interfere with the existing road traffic, is energy efficient and environment friendly. Operation of this system would be outside the purview of Indian Railway Act and under the Tram Way Act.

However, the proposal is still at a conceptual stage.

(c): The State Governments of Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka and Tamil Nadu have evinced interest in this proposal are in dialogue with Konkan Railway Corporation. The Principal Scientific Adviser to the Government of India has considered the proposal as technically sound and suggested to establish an experimental system for a limited distance of minimum 10 Kms in order to evaluate the system.

(d)&(e): Konkan Railway Corporation have approached World Bank Authorities for funding such projects. However, the response of World Bank is still awaited.